

Application No. 10/601,671
Reply to Office Action of July 15, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are active in the case.

The Examiner is thanked for the courteous interview conducted on August 31, 2004 in which it was agreed, pending an updated search, that amending Claim 1 to remove the term "comprises" and replacing it by the phrase "consists essentially of" would place the claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended as per the agreement reached at the interview and also amended to place the claim in more readable form. Claims 2, 5-9 and 11 have been amended to place them in more readable form. Claims 12-17 have been added to preferred embodiments. Basis for new Claims 12 and 13 may be found on pages 6 and 7 of the specification. Basis for new Claim 14 may be found on page 8 of the specification. Basis for new Claim 15 may be found on page 10 of the specification. Basis for new Claim 16 may be found on page 13 of the specification. Basis for new Claim 17 may be found on page 16 of the specification. No new matter has been added into the amended claims or new claims.

The rejection of Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by GB 1,072,065 is traversed.

GB 1,072,615 on page 1, lines 11-16, 44-70; page 3, lines 128-30; page 4, lines 1-55 and the examples indicates that it is critical that the composition of the reference contains 20 to 40% by volume of inorganic particulate solids. The composition of the British patent is directed to an organic solder composition useful as a body filler for recessed areas and depressions in metal structures such as automobile bodies and requires the addition of a requisite amount of inorganic particles in order that the filled recesses and depressions may have enough structure integrity to allow sanding to provide a smooth surface for further refinishing, as would be the case with the repair of a damaged automobile surface.

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In contrast, the present claims are directed to a composition which functions as an adhesive and articles containing the adhesive composition on substrates or in laminates containing different layers. The composition of the present claims does not require the addition of inorganic particles, since it is not used as a filler for recessed areas and depressions in metal structures such as automobile bodies and does not need to be sanded to provide a smooth surface for further refinishing, as is the case with the reference. Therefore, the claims, as amended, distinguish over GB 1,072,615.

It is submitted that Claims 1-17 are allowable and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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